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Indecent decorating students Robert Kishore (left to right), Joanne Gaudin, Terese Goss and Sara Simon stand with their latest grand theft, which they named 'Society and Chair'.

## Conestoga students have flair for chairs

BY SPENCER WEBER

While many students were studying hard for tests and writing research papers, students at the interior design program had a different idea on their plate.

At the beginning of the fall semester, several great student ideas were put in groups and started with finding an old broken chair to fix and turn into a beautiful piece of art.

On July 25, the completed chairs were ready to show. The initial critiques were displayed in the atrium, where the proud students presented their masterpieces to their peers. Some were using vinyl lettering, others were using clay and a few were using acrylic paint, while others were

flowing with creative patterns of various colors. Every chair on display was fashionable, functional and looked quite comfortable.

"We were all inspired as students, for our chair, said Terese Goss, who was part of the group that created a pair of seats they called 'Society and Chair.' The two chairs were heavily decorated and had the appearance of a stylized, but with the chair, was an elegant, but modern.

"We combined ours with a real, jewelry, a flower, even little calligraphy, she said. Linda Simon, the program coordinator for the interior decorative program, explained the details of the assignment further.

"They each got an element

of design and it's their job to use texture and finishes to incorporate that element, she said.

The lovely chairs aren't just for display however – each year in March the chairs are sold by these students are placed in a silent auction fundraiser called 'Chairity.' The event has brought in between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in the past.

"I'm hoping we'll go over \$15,000 this year," Spitz said. "I'm pleased and proud of the chairs on display today." Interested in seeing some of these wonderfully designed masterpieces? Check out www.spokeyonline.com for a video showcasing the event, and some of the redesigned chairs.

## So much past in the present

BY SARAH LEMAY

Watching everything from text books to its digital charts, the first students of Conestoga College made their way through dust and reconstruction to find their seats in 31 portables that functioned as classrooms. There were only 100 students and 25 faculty members that first day of classes on July 8, 1969.

The story appears of what was then the first step of Conestoga's Dawn program had developed the nickname 'Dial 915' after a General Motors German prison camp.

Today, the hard to imagine location where Conestoga now holds approximately 13,000 full-time, 30,000 part-time students and 4,000 apprenticeship students. The growth over the past 44 years has been enormous and some people have had just to guide in

John Dobbins has been the president of Conestoga College since 1991 and is the longest-serving president in the Canadian college system. In the 1970s, Dobbins was a member of the faculty. Conestoga College's Twenty-Five Years of Excellence Award Winner to celebrate that the first few years were definitely the hardest.

"Although we had a lot of good ideas, we didn't have the money to do them," Dobbins said.

He said, have found a way to grow since then the school has grown dramatically in most ways than not. Paul Scott, Conestoga's vice president, said the school has had a history with Conestoga College going back to 1889. He ended up becoming a full-time teacher in 1981 and still is now with the school and his students.

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Today, Conestoga College's construction centre of study is in comparison to the 1970s picture of its construction.

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Random questions answered by random students

What was your biggest  
New Year's resolution failure?



"To eat right, because I eat disgusting every day"

Shawn Adams,  
third year  
marketing co-op

"I don't make resolutions  
because I know I will break  
them."

Mark Payoff,  
third year  
marketing co-op



"To not procrastinate  
in class."

Shawn Maynard,  
second year  
not a student



Amber Wilson,  
first year  
supplies  
management

"To quit smoking."

Subashita Shiva,  
first year  
supply chain management



"To quit smoking" (he said  
while smoking)

Benjamin Ellis,  
third year  
business insurance

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THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND  
SACRILEGE ROMAN

# HOW I LIVE NOW



INTERVIEW PHOTO

Clare How I Live Now's protagonist is played by Sacrosanct Roman on the stage at one of the novel by May (2008)

## How I Live Now can't live up to book

### BY JAMIE BROWN

It's difficult to turn a book, mostly written through editorial thoughts of the much discussed into a film. *How I Live Now* while not falling short in acting or cinematography does in one more plot holes that are never fully explained.

In the film adaptation of May's novel, *How I Live Now* played by Sacrosanct Roman is an American girl in the English countryside. She is angry at the world and at herself. Her father is too busy with his new wife to help her through some of the internal issues that she is facing and sends her to live with her aunt and step-cousin in a small town. Her father and her aunt start self-consciousness her to look out at her cousin and avoid those attempts to help her. With the introduction of a love interest, Edward played by George MacKay she begins to mature. He shows her the compassion and attention that she had been lacking for.

But, her internal thoughts and her powerful emotions don't last. A bomb falls on the town, the beginning of the Third World War. The boys and girls are separated, shipped off to different parts of the country. She loses the Edward and her cousin results in her breaking out of the camp in an effort to find her own family.

The movie is full of an amazing scene of the English countryside, also calling back and forth



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between. The acting by Roman is an accurate portrayal of a young girl putting aside her own turmoil to take care of others to grow into a strong woman. The characters are realistic.

While the majority of the movie was entertaining and left the viewers with a sense of hope, it also left some people puzzled on some key points. We never know who is part of the war, who started it or how it ended. There are hints of chaos in England, which are both graphic and emotional. However, the battle scenes are almost non-existent and it makes you question the fact that the "world war" actually happened. While the scene of confusion might have worked in the past, viewers of the story, it doesn't translate as convincingly into film.

Another aspect that gets lost in the progression from book to movie is the sense

of George's inner turmoil. We also never know exactly what is going on with her, why she needed the medication she takes at the beginning of the film. Also, the symbolism was never as evocative and poetic as fully explained. The scenes that have her taking medicine, presented medication and staring at herself in the mirror, her prolonged periods of time only fast, that gave her body issues. However, we left to assume that she struggled with an eating disorder or some other form of struggle with her body. But, this is never fully developed.

The script falls short in terms of giving the characters depth and then straddles down all the good aspects of the film. This potential for the movie was lost in its adaptation. Books connect, always be great, screenplay and I believe that *How I Live Now* is a perfect example of that.

# Creative minds meet in K-W

## The first annual Filmmaker's Forum: 12 Angry Filmmakers hopes to encourage new projects

BY MELISSA BOWMAN

Filmmakers came to net, meet in downtown Baltimore with Conejoaga students and others who have an interest in film.

The first annual Filmmaker's Forum, 12 Angry Filmmakers kicked off with a bonus clip of Duncan Filmgroup's latest project. After being released by the kids and a brief introduction by Tom Budge, coordinator of media foundations at Conejoaga, the floor was opened up for mingling and networking.

Students from Conejoaga College attended the event, many from media foundations as well as former students of the program.

"I have worked with a few people here in small, small capacities, and it is nice to see a familiar face and hope

fully they can introduce me to someone who could have a better opportunity for me at the moment. It's all about being in the right place at the right time in a just action of events. Adam Baker said, 'Duke is a former media foundation student who is currently in his second year of the broadcast television program at Conejoaga.'

People such as filmmakers such as Brad McMillan attended the event, to pass along tips to up-and-coming filmmakers and to encourage their creativity.

"The best thing to do is to make sure you're getting out there. This event is a great opportunity," McMillan said. "Claring is things like that and networking is another one of the best things to do. Get to know who is who and know what is going on in your area. Even, vol-

untering, get out there and just trying to meet as many people as possible and find their numbers. Do it as something you don't want to quit because it is like you are building relationships with everybody."

McMillan shared clips of his film, *Blue Light*. It is a comedy/drama movie about a young person in the woods trying to get away from men. The film consists of a bunch of interviews where the camera talks about the problems. They are having their agents share thoughts and reflections on their lives. McMillan's film can be purchased by contacting him via email at [patrickmcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcmillan@gmail.com).

Erin Holmsten also known as Celia Jane attended the event to meet with people she has worked with before and to offer new filmmakers her advice.

"It's a long process. Figuring out what you can bring to a project and what you

can do from other people and just trying to meet as many people as possible and find their numbers. Do it as something you don't want to quit because it is like you are building relationships with everybody."

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— Brad McMillan

Here to the business Tom Lampen presented his latest horror project, *Friday*. *Friday* at the House Lampen is now 16 years old and he is already making a big splash in the K-W film scene community. Although he has never attended post-

secondary school, it doesn't show in his film. Lampen will be entering his horror film in the Baltimore and is hoping to be accepted in the Baltimore Film Festival in New Jersey in 2024.

It is a rather scary story how Lampen got into creating his own horror film. "When I was in the second grade I saw the film *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and it terrified me. It inspired and actually taught me how to do stop motion, to create me and to show me that there aren't monsters, they are just little things," Lampen said. "After he showed me that I started making more stop motion on my own out of clay and actually stop motion. Then I got into middle school I started playing around with live action animation. I was sort of scared into it but it turned out for the best."



Photo by Melissa Bowman

Duncan Film Group introduces his film and welcomes everyone to the first annual Filmmaker's Forum: 12 Angry Filmmakers in the Filmmaker Group Project in downtown Baltimore.

### Counselor's Corner

#### Welcome from Counseling Services



To those students who are beginning their college career at Conejoaga welcome! Right now you are probably excited about opportunities to learn more about your area of study, meet other students and just find your way around campus.

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Counseling Services

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# Conestoga's come a long way

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From behind his pale yellow plastic front counter is the thought of his first order now for the position. "Back then, the Quakers (Quakers were thinking date's over). There were just parties and then."

The creation of Conestoga's main building is still a large part of the current school structure, but it continues to grow. The renovation was first completed in 1980 and because of its close shape was referred to as the "pilot" or "pilot" building. The building holds an Olympic-sized ice rink, auditorium and a gym. Today 30 years later, plans are in the works to renovate or demolish this very same building.

There continue to change with the new order and being the only addition to the original school. The new building center, engineering center and library and fitness are all part, most of the add-on. The Fitness was opened in August 2011 and offers state-of-the-art technology for students as the School of Health and Life Sciences that Scott believes the biggest growth that can be seen at Conestoga is visible area wide.

"I think one of the most good things about this college is the expansion that has taken place with the Quakers' campus, the Quaker campus, the Western campus and the Bradford campus. It's a big college if you really think about it," Scott said.

Not only has the school grown physically but students' behaviors have been made

as well.

Back in the 60s the curriculum was more about learning degree programs. Probably not but I think education is evolving and institutions like this need to ensure pathways for students who want a blend of the hands-on learning plus the practical theory about work.

Today Conestoga offers more than four-year bachelor degree programs as well as two co-located degrees. Not only are there more options for college students to upgrade to a degree but there are also more university students coming to Conestoga to get hands-on skills.

Through the many years Scott has been a part of the Conestoga's community there was one thing that never changed – the type of diversity. "That is something that separates our college from some others. I think we attract a lot more of our personal energy and time trying to know the students and making ourselves available to students for those who need some extra help. That's one of the things I'm most proud of for being a part of the team," he said.

Scott, 57, grew credit on his list for the exceptional leadership he has given to the school over the past 27 years and has attempted at always pushing forward even in the worst of times.

"He has been here and there times. He has been able to stick around around those times and still build a college that is recognized as being one of the best in Canada," he said.



PHOTO BY JESSICA GORDON

Things in the Library Research Centre (bottom) changed as that reads about the 1970s.



This snapshot of Conestoga College's Library Research Centre shows its book drop today and in 1970.



The library shelves and collection still hold history the same.



# 2013 in review

AN OVERVIEW

Last year was an extremely turbulent year, playing host to events that were good, bad and downright ugly including the Syrian civil war, the ongoing Japanese disaster crisis and natural disasters around the world. But with the arrival of proud conventions at midweek and a forward thinking page not all news from 2012 was bad. Here are three of last year's most prominent stories one negative one positive and one of the most ridiculous.

1. The Syrian Civil War: What began as an anti government uprising ended up in shooting with protesters quickly turned into one of the bloodiest, most horrifying civil wars in recent history. Over 100,000 people have been killed, two million forced to flee and four million displaced due to the war that currently rages between President Bashar al-Assad and rebel leader Ahmad Jaber. Both sides are backed by numerous big arms, arms and countries including the United States and Iran. As of now a ceasefire, no longer as few more people which caused the UN to threaten a deployment of its own forces before the moment was stopped in favour of a proposed diplomatic route.

2. Pope Francis: In recent times the choosing of a new pope in the Roman Catholic Church simply means the getting of the man selected, both dead and alive is in the front. The election of Pope Francis however, has drastically altered the views of a vast number of people with Francis simply referred to as "The Little" pope.

The title is well placed, with the current pope possessing extreme skills at running his own private, much as the fact of piety and even taking an almost anything attitude on any message. These actions have helped put him in a more realistic situation.

3. The Rich Man's Problem: Why is Toronto Mayor Rob Ford unable to smoking much cocaine? His answer? "I probably find it as one of my greatest pleasures."

From that point on, Ford and those close to him turned his entire career into a public display of embarrassment. He has been accused by multiple sources of driving drunk, sexually harassing female on officers, running off the road and even knocking out a clearly very rational member to the ground, just to name some of his ridiculous actions. His a very good way his ability to influence the city's budget for many years, but other than that he can be really and truly so-called.

Like how 1014 lives in some Middle Eastern prison and a few shining copies in Toronto.

The men above represent the position of the reporter per not necessarily the author

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Cheer the Cander and the Spoke staff with everyone a happy and successful new year

## Put your phone down, it will be OK

When did it become so hard to disconnect? To shut down your electronics and just enjoy what is happening around you. There is an A moment that we get in many other situations where they shouldn't be involving us.

My most recent personal experience was my date both looking at their I was both checking my phone and food and everything else but not enjoying the day.



Carly Stevens  
Spokane

down my phone completely or at least not to answer my phone throughout the night. I know I should have left it on in case someone actually needed me to get a hold of me, but I decided to turn off the power and enjoy the evening around me. His response and nothing disconnect themselves to us and it is starting to get harder. As statistics Canada released a survey stating that 79 per cent of Canadians have had a cell phone in use by one member of the family. These numbers are staggering but some experts with how technology has been growing there just point that what has made it so hard to just put down phones away?

Connectivity and a great reason of why we feel we are accepting cellphones as part of our lifestyles.

Constantly worrying if the background has had any problems while watching your kids or if your boss has returned your latest project creates a stress because our cellphones and our hands in which we feel the need to check the status of our lives that are outside of our immediate control. This leads to it being a major inconvenience as well, with the fact that technology has evolved, your work is just a few swipes on keys away.

As humans we create the desire to constantly be checking that device? It is rather simple actually.

The most convenient reason to turn it off? If you are still worried about whether something may happen to one of your family members, have their number on hand and make a text call at some point during the night. After all, the events occurring around you are so important, so the events you may not have noticed even.

Put your phone down and enjoy the company around you first.

**“Not everyone will willingly disconnect themselves...”**

However, throughout the night, my phone would start vibrating and I would quickly have to check myself to answer the call, not on my part. I had to do this due to the fact that they would also definitely be not related despite being everyone's when I should be in contact with them they absolutely needed me. It left me with tremendous stress.

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# **HOROSCOPE** Week of January 7, 2024



**Aries**  
March 21 - April 19



**Libra**  
September 23 - October 23

It's a new year, but it's going to be hard to live up to some of the progress you made last year. Don't let criticism drive by your accomplishments this weekend. **Chung**

After a break from your school schedule you're back and should be aware of the challenges ahead. Being prepared will do you this weekend. **Woop**



**Taurus**  
April 20 - May 20

You look a lot during the winter break, but it hasn't dulled your instincts. Don't let up. This weekend. **Thane**



**Scorpio**  
October 23 - November 21

With winter in full swing don't miss yourself up when it's time to others take you to go outside. This weekend. **Plandy**



**Gemini**  
May 21 - June 21

If you weren't so invested in the holiday season as you normally are, it's obvious you're looking ahead to a big development. Stay calm. This weekend. **Chane**



**Sagittarius**  
November 22 - December 21

After spending for the holidays it may be time to think before you buy. This weekend. **Frogal**



**Cancer**  
June 22 - July 22

Most of everything you told yourself about your family was a lie? Something is going to shift your perspective. Don't fight it. This weekend. **Lave**



**Capricorn**  
December 22 - January 19

New Year's isn't the only time you can set a resolution, a positive change you can make any time to you want. This weekend. **Refinement**



**Leo**  
July 23 - August 22

Getting back into the routine of school is going to help you a lot, even if you didn't want to when you expected. This weekend. **Reunite**



**Aquarius**  
January 20 - February 18

Spent more time with friends being social, will help keep them related when they return. This weekend. **Strengthened bond**



**Virgo**  
August 23 - September 22

Your recent personality has not gone unnoticed and has done more good than you expect. Perhaps future the right. This weekend. **Dedication**



**Pisces**  
February 19 - March 20

A new year means a new beginning of your love life. A lot of people maybe it's time to let the most beautiful try a personal change. This weekend. **Adaptation**



Khari Elmagrabi the master of magnetism, started vegetarian

**Oh Cliff!**



Cliff Gordon just witnessed the aftermath of the holiday season on his back streets.

**Useless Facts**

Hobbes never drinks water. They get fluids from the succulents leaves they eat.

In 1288, a pig in France was awarded by public hanging for the murder of a child.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

Some bats can live over 30 years a day.

Queen Elizabeth I regarded herself as a virgin of chastity. She assumed that she couldn't give away this mantle whether she needed it or not.

**Sudoku Puzzle**

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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9 without repeating any.

**Word Search**

**Resolutions**

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# The Bear Traps avoid friendly fire



PHOTO BY GABRIEL CLARKE

Two teams race for the ball during a drop-kick tournament held at the Conestoga College recreation centre. The Bear Traps were ultimately victorious. (left) Some of the 12:00 game.

## BY GABRIEL CLARKE

You better dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge if you want to survive this game. After all, there are no free hits or drop-kicks.

On Nov. 10 a drop-kick tournament was held at the recreation centre at Conestoga College with a grand prize of \$100 being awarded to the winning team.

The players had fun with their team names. Some were even spelled taken from the names. Dropkick and Kickassman, while one was named the Green Hammer. Except after the 19 show Community.

Others were Dodge, Peliss, O'Halloran, Hines, Hines, Dodgers, Red Shockers, Furry Puffs. The teams were the Bear Traps, In It To Win It, The Woody's and The Red Channel 4 Hives Team.

The rules were simple: they were much like the rules from regular dropkick. 1. You could only hit below the shoulders. 2. If you were outside the green lines — you were

out. 3. If you threw the ball and your opponent caught it, you were out. 4. It was the last eyes out of them. Oh, and the final and most important rule of all: make sure none of the six volleyball hit you. That was an automatic out. Other than that, all was fair in the game of friendly fire.

The tournament was held over two days, with the first game played on Saturday. The event was held for five hours in a round robin style.

The tournament started off well for some of the teams while others such as Red Shockers and Furry Puffs were eliminated after their first game. Dodge Peliss, The Red Channel 4 Hives Team, O'Halloran Hives, In It To Win It and Hines Dodgers followed soon after them.

That left the Bear Traps and the Hives Team to square off in the final while The Woody's and Green Hammer fought each other on the other.

The Bear Traps ended up being crowned champions and taking home the grand prize.



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## Tryouts for indoor soccer start this week

BY GABRIEL CLARKE

Some players at Conestoga don't put away their cleats just yet. The indoor soccer season is upon us and Conestoga is looking for both men and women to fill two teams of 12 players each.

Indoor soccer is a faster, higher-scoring game than outdoor soccer and has a few very distinct rule changes from the outdoor game. Plus, one thing each team has its players on a side. For the women and a goal. Because there are fewer players on the field, the game goes faster. The game goes faster, so there are more opportunities to score. And, one rule change from the outdoor game is that players cannot throw the ball or when the ball goes out of bounds. The ball must be kicked so that those players playing forwards never see their hands. Other than that, the rules are basically the same as outdoor soccer.

Everyone is welcome to come to the tryouts which will be held this week. Players who want to learn

and play competitive soccer should attend.

Like his open trial coach of both teams and he is hoping to have a longer turnout than last year, particularly on the men's side.

"In women's indoor soccer we didn't have a very good regular season. Players said 'We hope we get a couple of good players in the school who can help and want to make it'."

Tryouts will be held tomorrow (Mon. 11) and 14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for women and Jan. 14 and 15 at the same time slot for the men. Practices will be held regularly on Wednesday nights from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for women and 6:30 to 8 p.m. for men.

The team will not play a regular season format, but instead will travel around Ontario playing in different tournaments. Coached by three colleges in the OCAA. In addition, toward the end of the semester there will be a regional tournament followed by a provincial tournament. Any questions about tournament dates or any other inquiries should be directed to Stephen at 516-876-6666.



PHOTO BY GABRIEL CLARKE

Lucas H. Bond practices his soccer skills on the balls of the red canvas preparing for the upcoming indoor soccer season.